

NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 21, 2024

WORSHIP WITH NAZ

SUNDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5 | 8:30 am
In-Person Worship at Nazareth | 9 & 10:45 am

WEDNESDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5
4:30 pm Wednesday

ONLINE OPTIONS

Recordings of sermons available on
[Vimeo.com/mynazareth](https://vimeo.com/mynazareth)
Livestreams Broadcast on our website
www.naz.org/onlinechurch



Men's Morning Bible Study

Mother Daughter Study Group

Nazareth's new Mother-Daughter Bible Study is designed for moms and their daughters ages 9-12. Our group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm at a rotating location from May 29 through August 14. We will explore and discuss Dannah Gresh's book *The Lies Girls Believe*.

This study delves into crucial topics such as where lies come from and where they get their power, who can set you free, lies about God, lies about myself, lies about family, lies about sin, lies about being a girl, lies about boys, lies about friendship, lies about the future, how to recognize lies, and how to replace lies with truth. We will also have time for games and fellowship! You will be responsible for purchasing your own materials:

1. *The Lies Girls Believe* by Dannah Gresh
2. *Mom's Guide for The Lies Girls Believe* by Dannah Gresh.

You can sign up online at naz.org/nextsteps before the May 22 deadline. If you have questions, contact Meg at meg.husted@naz.org!

Spring Baptism Class

Baptism is a holy sacrament. It is a sign of God's love and will that we be reborn in the image of Christ our Savior. It is a deed by God that enables us to live according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. At Naz, we practice baptism at any age, and for those seeking an infant baptism, we have a special class that is part of this first Milestone we celebrate. This class allows parents to learn the theology behind this sacrament, our role as parents, and the logistics of a baptism on Sunday mornings. Nazareth's staff will provide an overview of the milestone project and family and children's ministry programming.

Our next Baptism class is Sunday, April 28th, from noon to 1:30 pm. You can sign up online at naz.org/milestones. If you have questions, please contact Meg Husted, at meg.husted@naz.org.

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SERMON | A Deadly Silence

TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger

TEXT | Romans 5:12-20 & Genesis 3:1-9

Synopsis

In Romans, Paul looks at the legacy of two men. One being Adam and the other being Jesus. Both are still leaving their mark on the world today. A deep look into Adam's life reveals a time of "deadly silence" in his journey, from which we still suffer today. A close look at Jesus' life reveals an opportunity to step out of the shadow of darkness cast on the human race by Adam and into the Light of a new legacy made available to us by Jesus.

Digest The Word

Read the scripture passages from the Service and reflect on the sermon and on these questions to help you live out God's Word in your everyday life.

- *How did the sermon challenge/encourage you?*
- *Does this passage teach you about who God is?*
- *What are the personal implications for you?*

READ, RUMINATE, AND REMEMBER

Romans 5:18-19

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

From Adam's disobedience, all people were made sinners. "Made" means appointed or designated; we were legally constituted as sinners. What happened in Adam is a fact, but what happens in Christ is equally a fact. Our position in Christ is the basis of salvation. The gift of justification and life comes to all people. We are legally forgiven, declared righteous, and belong to the realm of life, just as we were legally constituted sinners in Adam.

SERVICE PROGRAM

9:00 am

Beautiful Savior | red 838

Confession and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

This Little Light of Mine

Lesson: Romans 5:12-20

Baptism: Brooks Allan Farley

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry | red 732

Lesson: Genesis 3:1-9

Sermon

Offering

Faith of Our Fathers | red 812

10:45 am

This is Amazing Grace

O Come to the Altar

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: Romans 5:12-20

Offering

Lesson: Genesis 3:1-9

Sermon

Glorious Day

Wrap Up

Flowers

The Altar Flowers are dedicated for a Happy Heavenly Birthday to Mark Holst from his family.

Dedicate flowers via jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org.

Baptism

Congratulations to Jake and Katy Farley celebrating the baptism of their son, Brooks Allan Farley.

NAZ CHAT

Funeral Preference Forms

Nazareth offers Funeral Preference Forms for any families who might be anticipating a loved one's passing. Death can be an intimidating or uncomfortable topic to confront and discuss, but we believe that taking the time to look through and complete this form can help prepare and comfort you for when that time comes. Anyone is able to fill out a funeral preference form. We encourage a copy to be put on file with Jordan, jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org, and another copy kept with other legal documents, although the preference form is not legally binding. Please contact Naz to complete a form.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued...*

Confirmation Information Meeting

Attention families of 6th and 7th grade students! Nazareth's Family and Children's Ministries will host an informational confirmation meeting on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:15 pm in Bethel Hall. Join us to learn about the proposed curriculum changes and updates to the program starting in the fall of 2024. If you have questions, contact Meg at meg.husted@naz.org or Kim at kim.albertsen@naz.org.

April Donation Requests

Nazareth is accepting [Spaghetti Noodles and Spaghetti Sauce](#) donations for the food pantry. Naz is contributing to Love Inc's Monthly donations campaign, asking for [Household Essentials](#). Essentials include paper towels, toilet paper, and garbage bags. You can drop off donations at the Welcome Desk on Sundays or at the Receptionist's desk during the week. Thank you for your generosity.

BIGhouse Caravan Trip 2024

Registration for BIGhouse's annual Caravan trip is open! From July 27th to August 2nd, 9th - 12th graders and Ministry leaders will travel to Whitewater Express Camp in Copperhill and Chattanooga, Tennessee! Caravan shows students how exciting it is to grow their relationship with Jesus! Student and leader registration is open now on orchardcentral.info, and registration closes on May 15th.

EPIC Scholarships Available

If you or a family member are attending college next year, you might qualify for Nazareth's EPIC Scholarship. Education Partners in Covenant (EPIC) is a partnership between Nazareth Lutheran Church and any participating ELCA College in Iowa - including Wartburg, Luther, and Grand View. Students attending one of these colleges will receive a minimum of \$100 award per school year from Nazareth. Matching funds may be available from participating colleges. To access and complete the application, visit our website, naz.org, and click on "Scholarships" at the bottom of the home page underneath "Quick Links." The deadline to apply for the 24/25 school year is April 30th. We look forward to receiving your application.



Mama Bear Apologetics

Calling all Mama Bears! Join Nazareth's newest study group this summer as they embark on an interactive journey through "Mama Bear Apologetics" by Hillary Morgan Ferrer. This book is not just a guide but a conversation starter that equips you to teach your kids how to form their own biblical beliefs about what is true and what is false. With its transparent life stories and practical applications, Mama Bear Apologetics offers you the tools to educate yourself and empower your kids. Join Mama Bears and raise your voice to protect your kids by teaching them how to think through and address the issues head-on.

Nazareth's group will meet Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 10:45 am, beginning June 6th, at Gateway Park under the large pavilion. Childcare is available if needed. Please register online at naz.org/nextsteps. For more information, please email Meg Husted at meg.husted@naz.org.

RightNow Media

Did you know you have access to the world's largest customizable library of biblical video resources for free through Nazareth? RightNow Media has thousands of Video Series, Bible Studies, Educational content, and shows for adults and children. With topics spanning from marriage, mental health, financing, and more! So, what are you waiting for? Go to our website, naz.org and click "RightNow Media" in the quick links section at the bottom of the home page. Create a free account and start exploring the endless spiritual content today!

Share in the Newsletter

Do you have a story to share, event to promote, or an announcement for the Nazareth congregation? Please email any proposed entries with Nazareth's Communications Director, at sam.madson@naz.org.

NOTICE FROM THE COUNCIL:

The special meeting of the congregation took place in the Worship Center on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. There were two resolutions on the agenda:

- a. RESOLVED, that Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church intends to and shall begin the process of terminating its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) following two legally called and conducted special meetings of the congregation; and
- b. RESOLVED, that in the event the congregation votes to terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church intends to establish an affiliation with the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).

The voting results for Resolution A were 450 in favor of the resolution, 100 against the resolution, and 1 invalid ballot. The resolution required a 2/3 majority in order to pass. It received an 82% majority, therefore Resolution A has passed.

The voting results for Resolution B were 450 in favor of the resolution, and 81 against the resolution. The resolution required a simple majority in order to pass. It received an 85% majority, therefore Resolution B has also passed.

The Church Council reminds you that the passing of Resolution A is just the first of TWO required votes, as we must follow the ELCA constitution and their requirements for disaffiliation. This first passing vote must now be ratified by a second vote, again with a 2/3 majority, in order to adopt Resolution A for Nazareth to officially disaffiliate from the ELCA; and with a simple majority vote to ratify the adoption of Resolution B. That second vote is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. This second vote will be every bit as important as the first. The Council and pastoral staff encourage you to place this meeting on your calendars and plan to attend. The entire Council, with full support from the pastoral staff, will again unanimously recommend that you vote YES for both resolutions.